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1. An information processing apparatus comprising:
a pointing device;
a display unit displaying a plurality of icons;
a detection unit detecting a predetermined operation performed on a
5 first icon which has been dragged to a second icon, said first icon displayed
on said display unit and moved with movement of said pointing device; and
a condition update unit updating a processing condition in
information processing based on the detection by said detection unit.

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2. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein
said detection unit detects movement of said first icon in a
predetermined direction in the vicinity of said second icon while said first
5 icon is being dragged.

3. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein
said detection unit detects stop of said first icon for a predetermined
time in the vicinity of said second icon while said first icon is being dragged.

4. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein
said display unit displays said second icon as a group of icons
associated with said processing condition when said detection unit detects
5 said predetermined operation.

5. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein
said display unit changes a display form of said second icon
according to a set processing condition.

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6. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said display unit displays a processing condition associated with said
second icon in the vicinity of said second icon.

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7. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
further comprising a processing execution unit executing processing based
on the processing condition in information processing updated by said
condition update unit.

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8. The information processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said second icon includes a group of icons associated with said
processing condition.

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9. The information processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein

at least one of said first icon, said second icon and said group of icons
is preliminary associated with said processing condition.

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10. The information processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein

a combination of a plurality of processing conditions is set for each
icon of said group of icons.

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11. The information processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein

said condition update unit updates items common to processing
conditions all together that is associated with said first icon, said second
icon and said group of icons.

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12. The information processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein

^B said display unit changes a display form of at least one of icons of said group of icons according to a set processing condition.

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13. A method of processing information in an information processing apparatus including a pointing device and a display unit displaying a plurality of icons, comprising the steps of:

5 detecting a predetermined operation performed on a first icon which has been dragged to a second icon, said first icon moved with movement of said pointing device; and

changing a processing condition in information processing based on result of said detection.

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14. The information processing method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of displaying said second icon on said display unit as a group of icons associated with said processing condition when said predetermined operation is detected.

15. The information processing method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of changing a display form of said second icon according to a set processing condition to display on said display unit said second icon with its display form changed.

16. The information processing method according to claim 13, wherein

said second icon includes a group of icons associated with said processing condition.

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17. A computer readable recording medium on which a program is recorded for execution of an information processing method in an information processing apparatus including a pointing device and a display unit displaying a plurality of icons, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

5 detecting a predetermined operation performed on a first icon which

has been dragged to a second icon, said first icon moved with movement of said pointing device; and

10 changing a processing condition in information processing based on result of said detection.

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18. The computer readable recording medium on which the program is recorded according to claim 17, wherein
5 said information processing method further comprises the step of displaying said second icon on said display unit as a group of icons associated with said processing condition when said predetermined operation is detected.

19. The computer readable recording medium on which the program is recorded according to claim 17, wherein
5 said information processing method further comprises the step of changing a display form of said second icon according to a set processing condition to display on said display unit said second icon with its display form changed.

20. The computer readable recording medium on which the program is recorded according to claim 17, wherein
said second icon includes a group of icons associated with said processing condition.